

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 77, 157, 168, 180-181 and 183 have been amended to remove the phrase "asthma, rheumatoid arthritis, atherosclerosis, and inflammatory bowel disease", which are examples of inflammatory disease. These are now recited in new dependent claim 197. Minor grammatical errors have also been corrected.

No new matter is entered and no new issues are raised. Entry is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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